

Please amend claim 12, cancel claim 19 and add new claim 26 as indicated below.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An electrical switching device having at least one pole, the electrical switching device comprising:

a housing including an insulating material; and

an incoming terminal contact and an outgoing terminal contact associated with a first pole, each of the terminal contacts including a respective first connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for connection of a respective first external electrical conductor, at least one of the terminal contacts including a respective second connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for pluggable connection of a respective second electrical conductor, wherein the respective second connection device includes at least one of a receiving hole and a lateral cutout configured to receive a respective male contact connected to the respective second electrical conductor.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein:

each of the terminal contacts includes a respective contact carrier, a respective connecting point for housing-internal contacting being disposed at a first end of the respective contact carrier, the respective first connection device being disposed at a second end of the respective contact carrier; and

the respective second connection device is disposed between the respective connecting point and the respective first connection device.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein:

each of the terminal contacts includes a respective contact carrier, a respective connecting point for housing-internal contacting being disposed at a first end of the respective contact carrier, the respective second connection device being disposed at a second end of the respective contact carrier; and

the respective first connection device is disposed between the respective connecting point and the respective second connection device.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 13 wherein the respective connecting point includes at least one of a fixed contact of a switching contact and a connecting point for wiring.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 14 wherein the respective connecting point includes at least one of a fixed contact of a switching contact and a connecting point for wiring.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective first connection device includes at least one of a screw clamp terminal, a spring clamp terminal, and an insulation-piercing terminal.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective second connection device is configured to at least one of frictionally and positively receive a respective connection element.

Claim 19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 19 wherein the respective second connection device includes the receiving hole, the receiving hole having a contact tab section extending upward or downward at an edge portion thereof.



housing and configured for connection of a respective first external electrical conductor, at least one of the terminal contacts including a respective second connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for pluggable connection of a respective second electrical conductor, wherein the respective first connection device includes at least one of a screw clamp terminal, a spring clamp terminal, and an insulation-piercing terminal.